

REMARKS

The rejections of Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, are respectfully traversed. The claimed antifoam and/or deaerator comprises an oil-in-water dispersion, as recited. Persons skilled in the art understand that a dispersion medium necessarily contains a finely-distributed substance as the dispersed phase. Thus, the present antifoam and/or deaerator can be used in any system so long as it exists as an oil-in-water dispersion. If the dispersed hydrophobic phase is soluble in a medium, no more dispersion as claimed exists. Therefore, limitation to aqueous systems would not appear to be necessary. Moreover, since the claims actually recite the compounds that have the requisite antifoam and/or deaerating effect, their properties are already inherent. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above rejections be withdrawn.

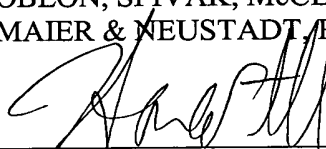
The objection to the spelling in Claims 1-10 is now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that it be withdrawn.

The objection to the specification in the omission of headings and in the errors in Table 2 are now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

All of the presently pending claims in this application are now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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